

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2420 - HB 2599

February 26, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the sentence for violations of the law involving methamphetamine by one classification if the person also possesses a deadly weapon to facilitate or protect any unlawful activity.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$359,000/Incarceration*
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes 10 offenders will have sentences increased from a Class C felony to a Class B felony, one offender will have sentence increased from a Class B felony to a Class A felony, and 10 offenders will have sentences increased from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony for violations involving methamphetamine and weapon possession.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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